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PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. The motion before you is the adoption of the temporary rules. All those in favor say aye. All those opposed nay. Temporary rules are adopted. We now move to the election of permanent officers. Chair recognizes Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I move that the following officers, recommended by the Executive Board, be elected to serve for the Ninety-Sixth Legislature: Clerk of the Legislature, Patrick J. O'Donnell; Assistant Clerk of the Legislature, Richard K. Brown; Sergeant at Arms, Lynne Haas; and Chaplain Coordinator, Harland Johnson.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The motion before you is the election of permanent officers. All those in favor say aye. All those opposed nay. Permanent officers are elected. Chair recognizes Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Madam President, members of the body, I move to proceed with the election of the Speaker of the Legislature.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The motion before you is the motion to proceed for the election of Speaker. All those in favor say aye. All those opposed nay. Motion carries. The Chair recognizes Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature, and many, many, many friends and family. I can't remember seeing this many family members in this Chamber. And it's a real pleasure to see you here. I hope you come back often. But it's certainly a sign of the support that you have for the members, the remaining members that have come back, and certainly the new members. And I know how much the families sacrifice to allow their family members to serve in this body. And I know my family, my wife, certainly, has a greater sacrifice to serve than I do. And so it's good to see you here. I place my name in nomination for Speaker. It's been a tremendous honor, the last year, to serve you, I want to continue to do that. I think I'd be remiss if I didn't take